

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the relevant paragraphs of the Specification with the following amended paragraphs:

[0031] If it is further envisioned that the receptacles forming the hollow bodies are sealed with one another to effectively [[be]] prevent the filling material from escaping from the receptacles.

[0071] To avoid that the overlapping areas of the cage halves become too small during the expansion of the cage, a device 9 is provided which will prevent the cage halves from being pressed apart too much. This device 9 can for example comprise a peg or screw [[9]], which is attached to the exterior portion of the cage and catches in a nut [[9]] of the interior receptacle 4. To prevent the area of expansion from going too far, the end of this device will catch in slit 9' (see Figures 5, 6) to limit to a certain degree receptacle 4 from pushing out of receptacle 3 of the hollow body 1 too far. One or several seal rings, in the form of piston linings, running parallel to the end plates of the cage may also be used which, when reaching the maximum allowed expansion, hook to a border or other elements of the interior area of the exterior receptacle 3.

[0076] The following devices are planned to facilitate turning the implant into the definite diagonal position: as of the passage of the insertion part 10 into the receptacle 3, the upper and lower leading edges 11 of the implant are sharp edged. The leading edges [[12]] 11' are gently rounded off at the implant end positioned across from the insertion part [[11]].

[0080] The inner surface of the upper wall 16 and the bottom wall 15 of the receptacles 3 and 4 of the implant are designed in a manner that they can penetrate into the elastomer 12 if pressured. To increase elasticity a hollow space can be left beneath the elastomer 12, which is between elastomer 12 and the bottom wall 15 of the implant, or, as shown in the embodiment of Figure 11 and 12, an air bubble 17 is incorporated in the elastomer 12.

[0091] The uniportal intervertebral implant has the following significant devices and features: the implant is bean shaped (see especially Figure [[16]] 6). The upper and bottom area of receptacles 3 and 4 are slightly arched in the direction of the longer and shorter diameters. The ends of the receptacles positioned at the longer diameter are each of equal height. In contrast the front wall of the receptacle is slightly lower than the back wall. The section of the implant positioned across from the insertion part 10 is rounded off and may included a device used to accommodate an instrument, which can be used for clamping and implantation.